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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hon SHIN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1743
Serial No.: 09/496,408) Examiner: Bex, P.
Filed: February 2, 2000)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
EJECTING SAMPLE WELL)
TRAYS)

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated October 2, 2001, Applicants submit the Remarks set forth below. In addition, prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9 and 29-31 without disclaimer or prejudice to the subject matter thereof, add new claim 40, and amend claims 1-8 and 10-18 as follows:

1. (Amended) A heating apparatus for biological samples, comprising:
a sample block having a plurality of openings for receiving sample wells of a sample well tray therein; and

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